

May 29, 1918.

Hon. John A. Mead,

Rutland, Vt.

My dear Governor Mead:

I enclose a letter I have received from my friend Bennett with reference to Mr. Seeley. I am sorry to find that he does not know him personally, as their churches are not far apart. I know also the Dr. McNaughtan to whom he refers, and while he is an admirable man, I should not depend upon his judgment quite so thoroughly as I would upon the first-hand opinion of Doctor Bennett.

I wish to express my deep appreciation of your good purpose to subscribe \$1,000 to the Liberty Endowment Fund. I assure you this will be of assistance to us. As you may have noted, I am making a special appeal now to the people of Vermont, but so far have not received many encouraging replies. Evidently it will be necessary to look people up personally and I hope we shall be able to do something in Rutland along this line. I know we shall have your support and co-operation.

Again thanking you for your assistance and regretting that I cannot help you more with Mr. Seeley, I am

Faithfully yours,